

REMARKS


In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species No. 1, which comprises the embodiment illustrated in FIGS. 1 - 4. A review of the claims of the patent application indicates that Species No. 1 encompasses generic claim no. 1 and dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

Applicant hereby withdraws the remaining claims from initial prosecution while reserving the right to file divisional applications on remaining species at a later date.

Now that this election has been made, applicant requests the expeditious examination of this application.

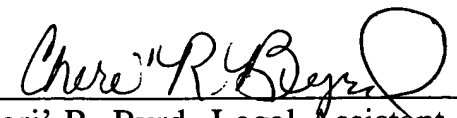
Should the examiner have any questions or comments, a call to the undersigned attorney of record is requested.

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